



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Designation of One Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons with Respect to Human Rights Abuses in Syria.”

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is publishing the name of number of one entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons with Respect to Human Rights Abuses in Syria.”

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the entity identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive Order 13572, is effective on February 16, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, Tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On April 29, 2011, the President issued Executive Order 13572, "Blocking Property of Certain Persons with Respect to Human Rights Abuses in Syria," (the "Order") pursuant to, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-06). In the Order, the President expanded the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any United States person, of persons listed in the Annex to the Order and of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State: (1) to be responsible for or complicit in, or responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing, or to have participated in, the commission of human rights abuses in Syria, including those related to repression; (2) to be a senior official of an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this Order; (3) to have materially assisted, sponsored or provided financial , material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the activities in

subsection (b)(i) of Section 1 of the Order or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13338, Executive Order 13460, or this Order; or (4) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13460 or this Order.

On February 16, 2012, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Department of State, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsection 1(b) of the Order, one entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13572.

The listing for the entity on OFAC's list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons appears as follows:

Entity

IRANIAN MINISTRY OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (a.k.a. VEZARAT-E ETTELA'AT VA AMNIAT-E KESHVAR; a.k.a. "MOIS"; a.k.a. "VEVAK"), bounded roughly by Sanati Street on the west, 30th Street on the south, and Iraqi Street on the east, Tehran, Iran; Ministry of Intelligence, Second Negarestan Street, Pasdaran Avenue, Tehran, Iran [SYRIA]

Dated: February 16, 2012

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